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Nominating Instructor of the Year Is Easier Than Ever

The ARRL Letter

Nominations for the Instructor of the Year awards are due to section managers by January 31.

Now, it's easier than ever to nominate an exceptional ham radio instructor, teacher or recruiter to receive one of the four annual awards! The ARRL Educational Activities Department has revised the forms. Questions now are easier to answer, to the point, and ask exactly what the impartial officials need to know to make a selection. Each award nomination requires endorsements and testimonials from others, and new forms in the package take the guesswork out of what to write.

Of the four annual awards, two are for instructors. One recognizes paid instructors, such as those teaching through adult education, while the other recognizes an unpaid volunteer instructor. A third award recognizes a teacher who incorporates ham radio into a school curriculum. The fourth award goes to a person who has gone the extra mile to introduce people to Amateur Radio.

Award winners receive a handsome plaque and recognition for their time and effort in service to the ham radio community. Runners-up get a certificate.

To get nomination forms, visit the Educational Activities Department Web site, ***http://www.arrl.org/ead/award/application.html*** or contact Jean Wolfgang, tel 860-594-0219; e-mail ***jwolfgang@arrl.org***.

FCC Adopts Universal Licensing System

The ARRL Letter

Amateurs can say good-bye to the FCC Form 610 series in a few months. The FCC has adopted its long-proposed Universal Licensing System, which replaces Form 610 with a new, electronic Form 605, the Quick-Form Application for Authorization in the Ship, Aircraft, Amateur, Restricted and Commercial Operator, and General Mobile Radio Services. Applicants may continue to use the old forms for six months after the new rules go into effect, however.

The FCC also adopted proposals to permit automatic reciprocal licensing of foreign hams wishing to operate in the US, pursuant to recent international reciprocal operating agreements.

The FCC said the ULS will "fundamentally change" the way the Commission receives and processes wireless applications and makes licensee information available to the public. The rules adopted September 17 will—in the FCC's words—"consolidate, revise, and streamline" license application procedures for radio services under the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. The FCC last November began initial collection of licensee data to populate the ULS. Using the ULS, applicants and licensees will be able to file, modify, and renew electronically. Access to the ULS is via ***http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls/***.

When the FCC first aired its ULS plan, some licensees expressed concerns because ULS registration would require applicants to provide a Taxpayer Identification Number, typically a Social Security Number. In its public notice, the FCC assured that "all TIN information will be kept confidential."

The FCC's action consolidates 40 existing forms into four ULS application forms, including the new Form 605. Electronic filing in the ULS will not yet be mandatory for individual amateurs. Hams will have the option of filing electronically or on paper. However, electronic filing via the ULS will be required for Volunteer Examiner Coordinators in the Amateur Service. Mandatory electronic filing requirements go into effect July 1, 1999 or six months after the use of ULS in a particular service—whichever is later.

An official Report and Order detailing the FCC's actions is expected to be released soon. The FCC's Public Notice is available on the FCC Web site at **http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1998/nrwl8040.html**.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Gary, KN4AQ

Visually Impaired Class Ends With Success

The usual measure of the success of a ham radio license class is the number of students who pass their test at the end of the class. We began the class for visually impaired students with about a dozen. At the exam at the end of six weeks, we tested eight. Two of the students came away with CSCE's for the Tech license, and two more had CSCE's for the Novice written exam (we didn't teach any code this time). Several of those who didn't pass either exam told us they intend to try again.

That passing rate is low by our other class standards, but it doesn't mean this class was less successful. Perhaps the first success is that everyone had a good time - students, instructors, elmers, assistants, all enjoyed each evening together, whether handling strange components or struggling with ohm's law. Second, we all learned a lot, and next time we'll know how to do this better. Finally, we've attracted some national attention. There are other clubs and instructors eager to learn from our experience.

I want to congratulate all those who participated in the class, either as students, instructors, elmers, VE's, and those who pitched in to help prepare materials. And of course, Jeff AC4ZO and Lynn KO4QH — Lynn got the class started and coordinated it, and Jeff put the curriculum together and led the instructors and elmers.

The next RARS class, for the general public, is about to begin. It starts October 5th. If you know someone who's been thinking about getting a license, now's the time to rope them in. Get info on the RARS web site, or from Lynn KO4QH (787-1111, ko4qh@ipass.net).

KF4RTX New Webmaster

Speaking of the RARS Web Site, congratulations to Tim Nicholson KF4RTX, our new Webmaster. Check out his handiwork as he improves the site and makes it a great resource for area hams. Browse to http://www.rtpnet.org/~rars. (By the way, for those who don't know how to pronounce the "~" symbol you see in lots of web addresses, it's called a "tilde," pronounced TILL-da.)

Thanks also to the three other members who told us they'd like to do the job: Tank (Bruce Tankleff) KT4OC, Peter Kovaks KF4KOE, and Eric Palmatier K2EZX. It was a difficult decision. Each of the nominees showed good web skills, and each participates actively in RARS.

RARS and StARS Trade Hardware, Frequencies

RARS and StARS have agreed to do some equipment and frequency swapping. As a result, StARS will get a repeater of their own to experiment on, and RARS will receive the 145.13 frequency for an exclusively RARS repeater.

The 145.13 W4ATC repeater went on the air in January, 1994, as a joint project of the NCSU StARS club and RARS. StARS was just getting back on its feet after having been dormant for years. RARS provided the equipment and technical assistance (and obtained frequency coordination), and StARS provided the site, on the DH Hill Library on Hillsboro St.

With the help of the repeater, and the effort of many new StARS members, the W4ATC club is thriving again (I can't go further without mentioning two hams who stand out in this recovery: Jim Price N3QYE, and State alumni Danny Musten KD4RAA). The StARS members desire to experiment with the 145.13 repeater has also been growing, but they didn't feel free to proceed, since it was co-owned by RARS.

About three months ago, StARS President Kemp Brinson KF4ARS approached me with a proposal. If RARS would contribute the existing 145.13 repeater equipment to StARS, StARS would vacate 145.13 and operate the repeater on another frequency, leaving 145.13 for RARS exclusive use. The "other frequency" is 146.775, currently coordinated to Danny Musten KD4RAA. Danny felt the existing repeater wasn't getting enough use, and would be better utilized by the State club. Last month, the RARS board agreed.

The State club has moved quickly, fixing up the Micor repeater and installing it at the 146.775 site, along highway 54 just west of the fairgrounds. They have ambitious plans for a satellite receiver array, beginning with a receiver on the DH Hill library so students with HT's on campus will

still hit the repeater solid (a ridge between the repeater and the campus can create some dead spots, even though the repeater is only a few miles away).

Once the 146.64 machine moved from its temporary site to the new tower, we'll put the "temporary" site on 145.13. Eventually we may look for a better site for 13 as well.

State Fair Coming: Hams To Help Red Cross

The State Fair is October 16 thru 25. To me, it means Food, Rides, Food, Animals, Food, exhibits, Food, and helping the Red Cross with communications at the First Aid center. So yes, it's another "We Need You" plea here. Hams provide two operators for each of three daily shifts, all 10 days. The shifts are: 9am to 2pm, 2pm to 7pm, and 7pm to 12 midnight.

The daytime, weekday shifts are the hardest to fill. We ask our retired members, or those with flexible work schedules, to please with sugar on it help out for those shifts. The rest of us slackers are equally nicely requested to fill in the evenings and weekends. For your trouble you get a free ticket to get in (and you can browse the fair, and eat the Food, before and after your shift). During your shift, you operate the Red Cross radios (not ham radios), communicating with their teams in the field. You also pass messages to the EMS ambulance on their radio, to the Dept. of Labor Ride inspector on their radio, to the Highway Patrol on the phone, and to the Fairgrounds police on an intercom. It can get hopping, but most of the time it's actually kind of quiet. You don't need any medical training at all — we're just communicators.

To volunteer, contact Cliff Broughton KF4RDP at 787-8909 or kf4rdp@aol.com.

Auction at November Meeting

The November RARS meeting will be the annual Auction. Tim Buehlmann W4TIM (ask him about that call and what his name is), has volunteered to coordinate it, and he'll need help. See him at the October meeting to volunteer. Jack Ritter W0UCE, our auctioneer for the past few years, says he can't make the commute to the meeting this year — he's living in Singapore. But fear not — Jim DuBreck N4BYO, past RARS president and famous RARS auctioneer, has agreed to step back up to the microphone and take your bids. I wonder if he can find his red vest?

So get your stuff ready, be it junk, junque or treasure. Some basic rules:

* HAM AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT ONLY!!!

* RARS Gets 10% of the selling price, up to $10. You keep the rest.

*If you brought it, and it doesn't sell, YOU CART IT OUT. DON'T leave it for someone else to "take for free."

Tim will explain the procedures at the October club meeting.

Field Day and Hamfest Chair Nominees

The RARS Board is recommending nominees for two club positions to be voted on by the members at the October meeting:

FIELD DAY - Bill Pond N0WP

HAMFEST - Cyndi Wood KD4ACW

Cyndi will be returning to the post she's well known for skating through. This will be Bill's first big RARS job since moving to Raleigh from Charlotte last year. We're grateful to both for agreeing to handle these important positions.

73, Gary KN4AQ

Volunteers Needed For State Fair

by Cliff, KF4RDP

The North Carolina State Fair is rapidly approaching, so we are once again looking for volunteers to staff the radio dispatch center at the Red Cross office.

The NC State Fair runs from Friday, October 16, through Sunday, October 25th. Volunteers will be asked to work a five hour shift. There are three shifts each day, with two people required for each shift. Shift schedules are as follows: 9 a.m to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and 7 p.m to 12 a.m.

Duties include monitoring and operating the Red Cross radio center, dispatching and communicating with first aid teams, State Fair Police and Highway Patrol, and monitoring the emergency telephone lines, and logging all communications.

Are you qualified????

All that is needed is the ability to conduct communications, something we should all be good at. We will be handling COMMUNICATIONS using their radios and their frequencies. Amateur radios and frequencies will NOT be used. First aid training is NOT required and there will be Red Cross staff and supervision on hand. Information on this and other public service events can be found on the RARS Public Service Web page at http://RTPnet.org/~rars/public-service/index.html

If this sounds exciting to you, please contact me by phone or email with your preferred shift and I'll be happy to sign you up!!! If you want to work multiple shifts, great! We are especially interested in people wanting to work the 9 a.m. to 2 p.m shifts!

For more information please contact Cliff Broughton by email at kf4rdp@aol.com or by phone at 919-787-8909.

photo by AC4ZO

Bob, N4VQN, explains how a radio works... inside and out at the recent RARS class for the visually impaired. The class wrapped up sucessfully last month.

Sprucing up the Shack

by Jeff, AC4ZO

"One of the greatest things about ham radio is the number of different ways there are to enjoy the hobby."

We've all heard it, some of us may have said it, but what are some of the ways everyone may not know about? One of the aspects of ham radio that I've not heard much chatter about, is "paper chasing," the collecting of various certificates, plaques, and cards, sometimes known as "wallpaper," because of the way it's often displayed in the shack.

Exchanging QSL cards has always been an enjoyable activity for me. Even in the dark days of my CB past in the late 60's and early 70's, I liked those cards. I even still have a few KEX-3476 cards left over from the old days. Although I didn't know it when I started collecting QSLs as a ham just a few years ago, they open up a whole new activity that can consume more time than the operating that generated them.

There are literally thousands of awards (mostly certificates) that a person can get if he has the required combinations of QSL cards. Many of them can only be obtained by operating HF, but there are some that are easy on VHF as well. If you have been operating and collecting cards for a year or so, you probably have what you need to qualify for numerous awards already. For the next few months, I will describe some of the easier awards to get, and explain how to apply for them.

Most of this information is available in the K1BV awards directory, which lists 2,640 different awards available to amateurs. The directory is available from Ted Melinosky, K1BV, at his Call Book address. Send $21 to receive the directory in the first class mail.

Let's start with something simple for this month: Ten American Districts Award. To qualify for this one, you need 10 QSL cards, one from each radio district (the digit in a call sign). The only rule is that all contacts must be made from within the same district. Simple enough for those of us that don't travel anyway. Hawaii is part of district 6 and Alaska is part of district 7. Once you have acquired the required cards, your ready to apply.

For this award, GCR (General Certification Rule) applies. That means you don't have to send your cards for them to see. Some award sponsors want to see your actual cards, but most do not. When a GCR list is acceptable, you just prepare a list of the contacts that you are claiming, and include all the usual data from your cards (Call, Date, Band, Mode, RST) and anything special that the award requires (YL op, QRP, etc.). Once your list is completed, you have two other amateurs verify that the cards match the list and have them sign the list attesting to such. Sometimes, an award manager specifies that a radio club official must be one of the two who sign the list. In this case, have the official put his office after his name and call sign.

To apply for the TAD (Ten American Districts) award, send your GCR list and $3 to: Bill Welsh W6DDB, 45527 3rd Street East, Lancaster, CA 93535-1802. Expect the certificate in a month or two.

Need a sample GCR list to get started? No problem, just call me and I can send one to you. If you are interested in paper-chasing, and would like more information, you could call for that too. If you are a veteran paper-chaser, and have lots of tricks up your sleeve that I may not know yet (being a little green at this), then by all means call me.

So far, this new interest of mine seems exciting. I hope you'll give it a try. 73.

Scanner/SWL SIG Report

Kelly, AE4FG

The September meeting of the Scanner/SWL SIG was held on the 21st (third Monday, as always). The meeting took place at the El Rodeo restaurant on Pleasant Valley Road in Raleigh. Computer controlled radios including a scanner, a wide band receiver, and a shortwave receiver were demonstrated.

Bob Zeher also gave a short overview of the Antique Wireless Association conference held in Rochester, NY September 2 - 5, 1998. Twelve people attended.

Weekly Net: The Scanner/Shortwave Listening net has been suspended until the 146.64 repeater is back to normal. If you would like to become a net control when the net resumes, please contact either Bob or Kelly at the e-mail addresses below.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 19th at El Rodeo restaurant as listed above. The meeting topics will focus on decoding VHF and UHF digital signals, and there will be an ACARS (Aircraft Communications Addressing and Reporting System) demonstration. We will meet upstairs for dinner at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:30.

Anyone is welcome to attend and bring radios or other radio information to share with the group.

For more information, e-mail Bob Zeher (ke4jvy@juno.com) or Kelly Mills (ae4fg@juno.com), or call Bob at 481-9107.

Nominating Committee Report

by Chuck Littlewood

The committee places in nomination for RARSfest '99 Hamfest Chair Cyndi Wood, KD4ACW, and for '99 RARS Field Day Chair, Bill Pond, N0WP. We will take other nominations from the membership at the regular September meeting and then vote. Thanks all for your input and interest.

Outgoing Wake EC: Thank for the party

by John, N4YRD

A few months back I accepted the appointment as Wake County EC for A.R.E.S. Shortly after that appointment, I was sent on a series of business trips that have culminated in another appointment: a new job in Columbia, South Carolina.

It seems that my boss, who has been in Columbia, a good place for a boss to be...at least one state away, decided he wants me closer to him. He says he likes me. I tell him I like Raleigh. I've only been back one year and want to settle in again; but, he gets to win this battle because he is the BOSS.

Now that it is generally known that I am moving for certain, many of you got together and recently had a party for me...OK, it was a hurricane, not a party. It had been 4 years since I've had any concern for hurricanes. It was not necessary to bring Bonnie here for me, but she came anyway.

Fortunately Bonnie was only a minor disaster. I have family in New Bern who had no damage from the many hours of rain and wind that Bonnie brought with her. Folks a bit further south did not fair as well; but, all in all, Bonnie was fairly well behaved for a storm that lingered so long on our coast.

It was good to be in our State EOC again. We have a great operation for emergency management in this state. And, believe it or not, we have lots of folks there wanting us to play a bigger role in what we do best (and many still realize is very much still needed) communicate.

Having our emergency management staff wanting us has its good and bad sides. The good side is these are the very folks who can go to bat for us when someone decides it is good idea to pull a chunk of our spectrum. The bad side is it means we need more hams to fill slots during emergency operations.

Hats off again to Jerry Davis, KE4TTS, for spending many hours dialing phones to find good, experienced hams to staff the necessary positions. If anyone thinks this is an easy job, give Jerry a call the next time we have a need for communications. He will likely be quite happy to turn over the job to someone else. Having done this job myself a few times in years past, I'm here to tell you it is probably the hardest part of ARES work.

So, how can we make the call-up job easier. Here are a few suggestions: 1) Attend drills, SETs, and other practice sessions to get the experience needed for disasters. During the real thing, we have no time to do the teaching. 2) When called, do your best to arrange a time slot to work. I have never found a convenient disaster or drill. They all cut into work and/or personal time. Here in Wake County, we have the extra responsibility of not only staffing our county needs, but also the State EOC. This means we have LOTS of positions to fill, during the day, during the night, during perfectly good weather here, and during very poor weather here. 3) Inform your EC or assistant, of your desire to help and make certain your contact information stays current. 4) Remind other hams of their responsibility to emergency service as required by the FCC; and, encourage them to prepare and assist us all.

Follow the steps above. We need many hands to lighten the load. In our county we may need as many as 10 or more hams in place at a time during a big event. If this is the case, we might have to call as many as 60-80 of you to get 2 shifts going. Calling 60 people may take 100 calls due to old phone numbers that have not been updated in the ARES records.

Don't forget, we are needed, and, wanted. If we don't show-up, or if we have inexperienced operators staffing key positions, we are not meeting our responsibility that is attached to our privilege.

Thanks also to the many who worked hard, or, sat around waiting for something to do. Thanks for being there when called and for being there to fill those slots. There are many in the state that count on you and would thank you if they knew who you were and what you sacrificed for them. Please accept my thanks for your help, dedication, and sacrifice. I will miss working with you.

Keep up the great job. 73 de N4YRD, John C. Jaskolka, N4YRD@aol.com

Museum Special Event Remembers Titanic

The Peninsula Amateur Radio Club (PARC), W4MT, will be conducting a special event station on October 31, 1998. The event will take place on the grounds of The Mariners' Museum, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.

Purpose: To celebrate the history and the advances of the radio art from the time of Marconi and the Titanic to the present day. The exhibit, "Titanic: Fortune and Fate" at the museum will close that weekend.

Details:

Time: 1500, 10/31/98 to 2100, 10/31/98

Modes: CW and Phone

Frequencies: 7.280, 14.280, 21.380, and 28.380

QSL information: Certificates are available via Pierre Stokes (WB4PVT), 494 Pamela Drive , Newport News, VA 23601.

Did you know...

That if you are a RARS member and an ARRL member, you can use the outgoing QSL bureau for free? Just drop your outbound QSL cards(sorted by prefix please) and either a QST mailing label or photocopyof your ARRL wallet card, in the box at the sign in table at a meeting. The rest will be done for you.

Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 1998 GENERAL MEETING **by JEFF WITTICH, SECRETARY**

The regular meeting of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society was held on September 1, 1998 at the Forest Hills Baptist Church on Clark Avenue.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31p by President Gary Pearce, KN4AQ who welcomed 83 members and 10 guests.

Mike, WA4BPJ gave the Treasurer's report and said that we have 342 members.

Lynn, KO4QH announced the fall classes. they will begin on October 5 and continue on Monday and Thursday evenings for six weeks. The scheduled completion date is November 12. Lynn then turned over the mic to Jeff, AC4ZO, who reported that the class for the visually impaired students is progressing well.

Cyndi, KD4ACW announced the date for Rarsfest 99. It will be held on April 11, and the first planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28.

KN4AQ made the following announcements:

The RARS Librarian has retired and we are seeking a replacement. Interested persons were asked to contact Gary.

There were four applicants for the position of RARS Webmaster. The Board of directors had the task of choosing one. The appointed person is Tim, KF4RTX. Tim was introduced, and then said a few words.

The November meeting is traditionally the RARS auction. for this years' auction, several administrative people will be required to do record keeping tasks. These people need to be identified by the end of the October meeting.

David, KD4WQU announced the public service schedule: September 19th is a half marathon and 5k run in Raleigh. Many hams are still needed; September 26 and 27 is the MS-150 bike ride. This is a two day event, and many hams are still needed for that as well; In October is the 10 day North Carolina State Fair; there is a Simulated Emergency Test scheduled for October 3.

KN4AQ had two other items of interest: Gifford, KC4SAM and his bride Irene celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this week. (Secretary's note: That's 100 years between the two of them.); Wilbur, WD4RDT will celebrate his birthday this week. (applause)

Thomas, KF4JKQ took the stage and thanked all who assisted with the hurricane Bonnie communications. He also announced that Skyward net control training will be held in October, and there is a new skywarn web site at www.raleighskywarn.net.

This completing the announcements, the speaker for the evening was introduced: Lyn, W4WDN and the Knight-Lites group with a slideshow of their DXpedition to the Core Banks.

Door prizes went to KD4EWG, KN4BS, N4HAF, and KC4SAM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38p

To Become A Member of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society...

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, Inc. (RARS), was founded in 1969 and continues to serve and support the Amateur Radio community in the Greater Triangle area.

The Objectives of the club are to promote worldwide friendship through Amateur Radio; to be of public service by providing radio communications in times of disaster, emergency, or civic need; to educate members in radio technique and to assist in obtaining amateur radio licenses.

All persons interested in amateur radio are eligible to apply for membership to the club. Dues for regular licensed amateurs are $18.00 per year (from July 1 through June 30). Additional immediate family members pay $5.00 each per year. Dues for licensed amateurs older than 59 or younger than 16 are $12.00 per year. Dues for non-licensed Associate members are $9.00 per year. Regular membership dues are prorated for new members.

Applications for membership may be obtained from club officers, the newsletter editor, or at any RARS meeting.

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Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 1998 BOARD MEETING by JEFF WITTICH, SECRETARY

The monthly Board meeting of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society was held at the Forest Hills Baptist Church on August 19. The meeting was called to order by KE4FCJ in the absence of KN4AQ at 7:37p. Members present were: KE4FCJ, K4HF, KE4OQO, KO4QH, WD4RDT, KC4UPX, W4VFJ, and AC4ZO.

The total attendance was 14.

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. On motion by W4VFJ, seconded by KC4UPX, the minutes were approved.

AC4ZO gave the Treasurer's report in the absence of WA4BPJ. He reported the RARS membership to be 336.

Committee Reports:

KC4UPX gave the FM Committee report. He said that there is a problem with the building plans at the Bayleaf site. Apparently, the paying tenant that the building was to be constructed for has found another site. This means that the building that was to house our equipment is no longer being planned. Bernard is looking for a solution. There was no update on the 146.64 situation. Also under the FC committee report, the issue of the W4ATC proposal was heard. KC4UPX explained the proposal, and then a motion was made by KC4UPX, seconded by W4VFJ that we give the Micor radio, Wacom duplexor, DB224 and Diamond X500 antennas to W4ATC in return for the coordination of the 145.13 frequency pair. The motion passed.

KO4QH, reporting on the Education Department announced that She is ready for the Fall class. The books have been received and several students are signed up. AC4ZO reported on the class for the visually impaired students.

KE4FCJ reported on Membership Services. She said that renewals are going well, and that the search for a new Librarian in continuing.

Israel, N4ZVU reported on the Exciter. He reported favorable comments from the membership on the new format of the newsletter. He also is suggesting that we investigate other printers, and will research the issue and make a report at the September Board meeting.

KE4OQO gave the net Manager report and said that the nets are not very popular right now because of the reduced coverage and reduced user base on the 146.64 repeater.

Unfinished Business:

KE4FCJ gave the status of the tax-exempt initiative. She explained that progress has been slow, and that another meeting of the committee is planned for 25 August.

New Business:

KE4FCJ introduced Tank, KT4OC, and Tim, KF4RTX, two of the candidates for RARS Web master. Each said a few words and then answered Board member questions. After the candidates left the meeting, a discussion occurred that ended by KE4OQO making a motion that the Board appoint KF4RTX to the position of web master. The motion was seconded by W4JFJ and passed.

K4HF gave the nominating committee report. The nominating committee puts forth the name of Cyndi Pearce, KD4ACW for RARSFest 1999 chairman, and bill Pond, N0WP for Field Day 1999 chairman.

KN4AQ reported on a public service/ARES meeting that took place at the Cary hamfest. Leaders of several area clubs were present. The item was for information only, and no action was taken by the Board.

AC4ZO announced the passing of former RARS member Donn Dieter, K4GHJ. Donn was an active member of the club for many years, and was active with the American Radio Relay League and MARS. A motion was made by K4HF, seconded by KC4UPX that we send $25 to the north Carolina Science Teachers Association in memory. The motion passed.

Board member Announcements and Comments:

KO4QH announced that her email address has changed to ko4qh@ipass.net.

WD4RDT reminded Board members that RARSFest 99 is scheduled for April 11, and that volunteer opportunities are still available.

K4HF reminded Board members that their term will be expiring soon, and to be thinking to the future.

On motion by AC4ZO, seconded by W4VFJ, the meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.

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5	6 RARS General Mtg, 7:30pm, Forest Hills Baptist	7	8	9	10 Augusta, GA Hamfest 10-10 Sprint Cherohala Skyway Special Event	11 Maysville Hamfest
12	13	14	15	16	17 Tri-Cities Hamfest, Gray TN USS NC Special Event	18
19 Scanner/SWL SIG Mtg: 6:30pm, El Rodeo, Pleasant Vally, Contact: Bob, KE4JVY, 481-9107	20 RARS Board Mtg, 7:30pm, Forest Hills Baptist	21	22	23	24 CQ WW Phone Contest	25 CQ WW Phone Contest
26	27 RARS Crystals Mtg, Contact Lynn, KO4QH, 787-1111	28	29	30	31 Chattanooga, TN Hamfest Devil's Courthouse Special Event	

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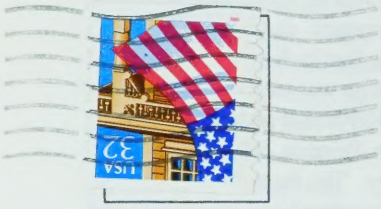

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